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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Colston News.

Colston, November 16.—We are certainly having dry weather for cane grinding, and that is all the go around here, and opossum hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sandifer, from Denmark, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kearse, last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Florrie and Alma Bishop, from Ehrhardt, visited friends and relatives on Colston last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Letitia Bishop visited her sister, Mrs. J. P. Bishop, near Ehrhardt last week.

Miss Leila Padgett visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grimes at Bamberg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bessinger, from Midway, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Padgett last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. McMillan and J. C. Avant, from Colleton, were visitors on Colston last Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Fender was out to Bamberg last week as jurymen.

Mr. Jones Bishop and sister, Miss Annie, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bishop last Sunday.

Miss Alma Fender was the guest of Miss Bessie Folk Sunday.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. Calvin Rentz, but we hope to see him out soon.

Messrs. C. T. Padgett, J. E. Bishop, A. W. Fender, and G. C. Padgett, went to Bamberg last Saturday.

St. John's News.

St. John's, November 15.—Candy pullings are all the go for the young folks now.

Quite a number of our folks attended the Colleton county fair at Walterboro last week.

Mr. Angus Kearse and Miss Annie-belle Boynton were happily married last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents.

A great many of our young folks attended the candy pulling at Mr. J. L. Kinard's last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ray, of Tampa, Fla., who have been spending time with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Folk, returned to their home last Thursday.

Mr. George Allen and Miss Flossie Shaw were happily married last Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parent, Mr. G. S. Shaw.

The little Sunbeam society is going to have their public meeting next Sunday morning at St. John's. Everybody is invited to attend.

Misses Vena and Pearl Breland were the guests of Miss Elizabeth Hiers last Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Lightsey and family, of Sycamore, were the guests of Dr. W. N. H. Folk last Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Hiers attended court last week at Bamberg.

Mr. J. A. Peters and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Herndon.

Mrs. Dr. Folk and daughter, Miss Mipellah, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin O'Quinn.

News from St. John's.

Ehrhardt, Nov. 15.—Dear Mr. Knight: I will write you a few lines from the St. John's neighborhood.

Mr. Geo. Allen and Miss Flossie Shaw were happily married at the home of the bride on last Sunday afternoon at 4.30, Rev. C. H. Turner, from Fairfax, officiating.

The St. John's school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. J. S. Boles.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers is expected to preach at St. John's next Sunday morning.

The children of the Sunbeam Band St. John's church will observe next Sunday as children's day at 10.30 a. m. A nice program has been arranged by their faithful leader, Mrs. W. D. Kinard. The public is cordially invited to attend. Come, Mr. Editor; we are always glad to see you. With kind regards for you and The Herald, I am

Your friend,
G. J. HERNDON.

Contract Awarded.

Charleston, Nov. 15.—The contract was let this afternoon for the construction of the People's building, the new office building on Broad street. The contract was given to the Simmons-Mayrant company of Charleston and Hadden Contracting company of New York, the firms dividing the work. The bids of the firms were respectively \$253,827 and \$243,292. A satisfactory agreement has been reached to do the work jointly and split the bids, under such modifications of the specifications as the building committee has agreed upon.

CHRYSANTHEMUM WEDDING.

Miss Willie Meriwether Becomes Bride of Dr. F. B. McCrackin.

Beautiful Trinity has never been more entrancingly beautiful than on last Wednesday evening when the large auditorium was crowded to its utmost capacity to witness the marriage of Dr. F. B. McCrackin to Miss Willie Meriwether, both of this city.

Under the artistic management of Mrs. Jacob Felder, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Brabham, the rostrum and chancel had been converted into a veritable fairy's bower—great arches daintily entwined with southern smilax, with here and there queenly golden chrysanthemums giving the necessary coloring—spanned the rostrum; huge bouquets of these beautiful yellow flowers were knotted at intervals along the chancel rail, having as a background myriads of little yellow candles, and on the extreme left and right arch hung great letters McC and M constructed of glowing electric lights. Suspended from the large central arch was the lovely marriage bell of yellow chrysanthemums, and there this popular young couple were "made one," the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. M. Brabham, of Lancaster, he having served in like manner the parents of the bride.

The ushers were as follows: Messrs. Jacob E. Felder, D. G. Felder, E. H. Henderson, and Clarence B. Free. Attendants entered in the following order: Mr. Hugh E. Vincent, of Varnville, with Miss Franke Folk; Mr. F. M. Moye with Miss Irene Miller, of Westminster; Mr. James McGowan with Miss Myra Hooton; Mr. Chas. D. Felder with Miss Annie Lou Byrd; Dr. L. E. Dreher, of Leesville, with Miss Lula Dowling, of Varnville. The bride was accompanied by her maid of honor, Miss Sadie Meriwether, of Allendale; the groom with his brother, Mr. J. T. McCrackin, of Newberry.

The handsome bride was tastefully attired in ivory satin duchesse, pearl trimmings, tulle veil, caught with orange blossoms, carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and ferns. The maids wore dainty creations of white satin messaline, and carried great bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums. The gown of the maid of honor was yellow messaline. The gentlemen were elegantly attired in regulation evening costume.

The soft notes of Lohengrin heralded the arrival of the bridal party, and after the ceremony, the joyous happy strains of Mendelssohn, echoed forth as the party retired from the church to the hospitable home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McE. Speaks, where a delightful reception was held. Mrs. Speaks being assisted in her duties as hostess by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brabham, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. G. Moye Dickinson.

The parlors and dining room were effectively decorated, carrying out in detail the color scheme of yellow. Punch was served by Mrs. Jacob Felder and Miss Jennie Turner.

During the evening dainty courses of salads and sweets were served, the souvenirs being tiny white moire boxes of wedding cake tied with yellow satin ribbon.

Many and handsome were the gifts in cut glass, silver, china, and fine linen.

At 12 o'clock the happy pair left in an automobile for Denmark, where they took the Seaboard en route to Jacksonville and other points in Florida. The bride's going-away gown was of wistaria broadcloth with hat and accessories to match.

These young people have been residents of Bamberg comparatively a short time, but have made hosts of friends who will be glad to know that they will continue to live among us.

Mrs. McCrackin is the only daughter of Mrs. A. McE. Speaks, very popular in the social circle, and Dr. McCrackin is a young druggist, native of Newberry, graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and is manager of the Peoples Drug Co., of this city.

The guests at the reception were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dickinson, Mrs. J. W. Price, Miss Camille Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brabham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Price, Miss Jennie Turner, Miss Cressida Breland, Miss Annie Lou Byrd, Miss Franke Folk, Miss Myra Hooton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Felder, Messrs. David G. Felder, Clarence Free, Jas. McGowan, E. H. Henderson, and Chas. D. Felder.

The out of town guests were: Messrs. J. T. and T. B. McCrackin, of Newberry, brothers of the groom, L. E. Dreher, of Leesville, Hugh E. Vincent, of Varnville, W. M. Johnson, of Newberry, J. C. O'Neal and Walter C. Peoples, of Savannah, J. J. Speaks, of Varnville, J. O. Meriwether, of Atlanta, brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Salley, of Orangeburg, Mrs. J. G. Meriwether and Miss Sadie Meriwether, of Allendale, Mrs. M. H. Calhoun, of Barnwell, Miss Irene Miller, of Westminster, Miss Elizabeth McCrackin, of Newberry, sister of the groom, Miss Lula Dowling, of Varnville, and Rev. M. M. Brabham, of Lancaster.

Dispensary at Olar Robbed.

Olar, Nov. 12.—The dispensary at this place was entered and robbed of seven cases of one X corn last night, amounting in value to \$85.88. The robbers entered from the front, using a pair of iron clippers, clipping the bolts, breaking one of the lights out of window, pushing thumb bolt back and raising sash. They transported their booze in a wagon to parts unknown. There was \$47.60 in money left in the safe and it was unlocked. They failed to get it. There is no suspicion as to who the robbers were.

O, you cut glass! O, thou cut price, at Simmons Hardware Co.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The white people of Batesburg presented Rev. Richard Carroll, colored, with a fine horse and buggy at the close of the colored State fair in that town on Friday night.

Suit has been entered against the Southern Railway in the sum of \$25,000 for the killing of L. F. Dorn, a prominent citizen of Edgefield, at Trenton some weeks ago.

Mr. W. J. Zeigler, who lives in Orangeburg county, near Branchville, had his right arm so badly mangled in a gin that amputation was necessary. The accident happened Monday of this week.

Belton Kelly, a young white man, attempted to commit suicide in Columbia last Saturday by drinking an ounce bottle of laudanum. Prompt medical attention saved his life. He had been drinking heavily and was thought to be under the influence of whiskey when he attempted to end his existence.

Last Saturday afternoon the 9-year-old son of Donald Cherry accidentally shot and killed the son of William Dantzer with a shot gun. The boy was taking the gun from a wagon and in unbreaching it to remove the shells it was discharged, the full load striking the boy and blowing his head off. The accident happened in the Fork section of Orangeburg county. All the parties are negroes.

Copeland-Castenedo.

The marriage of Miss Paola Castenedo and Ensign David Graham Copeland, United States Navy, was an event of much interest socially, Tuesday afternoon, November 9, which was celebrated at the home of the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. James Alfred Charbonnet, with much beauty of detail.

Only relatives and close friends were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Father Bogarts. The rooms of the spacious home were in gala bridal array of chrysanthemums, fern and drooping palms. Defining a pathway for the bride, a lovely and attractive girl, one of New Orleans' pronounced beauties of the creole type, were Mrs. Paul Brand, Mrs. Anderson Offutt, Mrs. S. P. Walmley, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas Lanaux, who served as ribbon bearers, drawing streamers of satin, combining the colors of the United States Navy, old gold and blue. Going before the bride were the attendants, including Messrs. Walter Castenedo and Lieutenant Vincent, U. S. N., the groomsmen, and the bridesmaid and maid of honor following, walking singly, who were Miss Marie Aldige and Miss Marguerite Maginnis, and going just before the bride, the matron of honor, Mrs. Arthur Huger. Miss Castenedo came with her uncle, Mr. J. A. Charbonnet, who gave her in marriage. Her rare beauty of feature and form were enhanced by the ideal bridal robes worn and the pearly depths of the veil, which fell like a mist to the hem of the gown, a French importation of Chantilly lace and chiffon veiling an underdress of satin. Her flowers were valley lilies and bride roses. Miss Maginnis' and Miss Aldige's gowns were of gold embroidered tulle, fashioned in the modish draped tunic effect and their flowers were chrysanthemums, tied with streamers of the colors of the navy. Mrs. Huger wore a crepe de chine of old gold, with gold trimmings and also carried chrysanthemums. The ribbon bearers wore lingerie gowns elaborate with lace and embroidery. The bridegroom was attended as best man by his brother, Mr. J. D. Copeland, of Bamberg, S. C. The former and Lieutenant Vincent were full dress uniforms of the United States navy. The decorations throughout the house embodied the naval colors and the table where the bride's cake was cut, according to tradition, with the saber of the groom, was bright with golden hued chrysanthemums, with broad satin streamers radiating from the center of the board. The bridal pair and Mrs. Charbonnet were assisted in receiving by Mrs. W. E. Huger, Mrs. A. A. Castenedo, Mrs. Paul L. Reiss, Mrs. J. A. Charbonnet and the members of the bridal party. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, who were the recipients of innumerable and beautiful gifts, left the same evening for a visit to relatives of the former in South Carolina, before settling in Philadelphia where Mr. Copeland is stationed. The bride is one of the most popular of the young set in New Orleans social world and is notable for her charm of manner and great beauty. Since her debut several years ago, she has been one of the belles of the social realm. Her going away is the source of much regret by members of her large circle of friends and the social world.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Miner Kills Crippled Son.

Charleston, W. Va., November 15.—Freeland Meaders, a coal miner, was held for the murder of his ten-year-old son before a justice of the peace to-day. According to the testimony offered during the hearing Meaders beat his crippled boy to death because the tiny lad could not keep pace with his father's steps, and the two were on their way to a train. Freeland Meaders was arrested in Beckley, but spirited here, as the authorities learned that a mob was forming to lynch the miner.

HUGHES FOUND GUILTY.

Negro Slayer of W. B. Causey Gets Life Sentence.

The most interesting criminal case tried at the term of court here was that of William Hughes, a mulatto, for the killing of W. B. Causey, clerk of court of Hampton county, this case being transferred to Bamberg county on a change of venue. There were a number of people from Hampton county here attending the trial, most of them as witnesses. The case was commenced last Thursday, and was ended Friday night a little after dark. The jury did not deliberate very long—in fact upon taking the first ballot on going into the room the jury practically all agreed.

Solicitor Jas. F. Byrnes, of Aiken, and Hon. S. G. Mayfield, of the local bar, represented the State, and Former Solicitor Jas. E. Davis, of Barnwell, and R. C. Hardwick, Esq., of Denmark, conducted the defense.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting a jury, each man being closely questioned by Mr. Davis as to his feelings for negroes and whether he would find a verdict of not guilty in case a negro proved himself innocent—the apparent object of the questions being to get men on the jury who had no prejudice against a negro. The jury was a good one, being composed of some of the best men in the county. The jury was: H. B. Grimes, foreman, Jno. M. Felder, J. C. McMillan, J. B. Brickley, S. Williams, J. E. Tant, J. Gordon Brabham, H. Bessinger, O. R. Hightower, J. L. Smoak, J. O. Kearse, and Jesse J. Copeland.

Most of the witnesses in the case were white, some of them being among the leading citizens of Hampton. Briefly, the case of the State was that Hughes had made threats against Causey because Mr. Causey had run into him on the street and threw him down—Hughes having a wooden leg—and also because Mr. Causey had gotten after him about interfering with his hands. That Causey had loaned Hughes five dollars and had gone to his house the night of the killing to collect the money, Hughes having told him that he had the money at home and would pay him if he came after it. Mr. Shephard, a white man who was with Causey when he was shot, and who was also shot in the arm by Hughes, testified that there was no light—that Causey and himself walked up to the negro's gate and called him out and Causey said to Hughes that he had come for the money and Hughes at once shot him without further words. Upon being examined by the judge, Shephard stuck to his version of the killing.

Lizzie Hughes, the step-daughter of the defendant, testified for the State and against her step-father. She was not at home when the shooting took place, but was down the street a little way, at the gate of Senator W. S. Smith, talking to an old negro man, that her father had told her Mr. Causey helped to convict him when he was tried some years before and that he intended to kill Causey.

Several white witnesses also testified that Hughes had said he intended to kill a man who had helped to convict him, but the negro would not say who it was he intended to kill.

The defense endeavored to prove that the shooting was in self defense, the killing taking place in Hughes' yard or on the street in front of his house. The physician from the penitentiary testified as to finding bruises on Hughes' body when he was brought to the penitentiary just after the shooting, but there was other testimony from physicians that these marks were old scars caused from a di-ease. Several white witnesses also testified that Causey said after he was shot that he was to blame and not to bother Hughes. That Causey was drinking the day of the killing.

Hughes' story was that Causey with two other white men came to his house drunk and asked if he had any women there, that when he told them that there were no women there they at once dragged him into the yard and commenced to beat him, when he shot. That he had never borrowed any money from Causey.

The jury found Hughes guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy, and the judge sentenced him to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. He was carried to Columbia the same night to begin his sentence.

Haskell's Demurrer Overruled.

Chickasaw, Okla., Nov. 15.—The demurrer filed by Gov. Chas. N. Haskell and five other Oklahomans to indictments charging them with fraudulently securing from the government title to a large number of town lots in Muskogee, Okla., was to-day overruled by Federal Judge John A. Marshall.

The defendants were ordered to appear for trial Saturday morning at Chickasaw.

Judge Marshall's ruling was that the statute of limitations did not enter into the case because the conspiracy to defraud alleged in the indictments was continuous and was therefore punishable at any time.

Judge Marshall in his opinion contended that the alleged conspirators intended to practice a fraud on the government. He said that the law provides that all Indian land transactions must be approved by the secretary of interior of the United States and if an official undertook to act without this authority his act would not be legal.

The Herald Book Store has some comic post cards on hand which we want to close out. Take them at 5c, a dozen while they last.

DUKE BUYS TRACTION LINE

DEAL MEANS MUCH FOR PIEDMONT SECTION.

Will Connect Anderson, Spartanburg, Greenville, and Other Towns by Trolley.

Greenville, Nov. 15.—The Anderson Traction company to-day was purchased in Greenville by the Greenville syndicate composed of L. W. Parker, W. J. Thackston, H. J. Haynesworth, J. B. Duke and B. N. Duke, the last two being associated with the American Tobacco company. The purchase was made from E. W. Robertson, who recently has bought in this company's property.

The Messrs. Duke came to Greenville to-day to meet the other parties in the transaction and returned to Charlotte tonight. The amount of the purchase price has not been stated. This is one of the most important business transaction that has taken place in this section for some time.

The Dukes in the syndicate have taken over the property with the purpose of extending the interurban line of the Anderson Traction company from Belton to Greenville and from Greenville to Spartanburg. Papers of incorporation will at once be applied for and the name of the new corporation will be the Greenville, Anderson & Spartanburg Traction company. Subscription books will be opened within a short time and the people of this section will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the stock on the basis of the purchase. Within a reasonable time a survey will be made for the extension of the line to Greenville and Spartanburg.

The Messrs. Duke are understood to be controlling factors in the Southern Power company, a concern which will soon have developed about 200,000 hydro-electric horsepower. They are already transmitting this power to Greenville from developing plants on the Catawba.

The announcement that they have bought the Anderson Traction company and will construct interurban lines linking Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson indicates an intention to utilize much of their power for traction purposes and seems to include a bright prospect for electric transportation throughout a great part of the Piedmont country. The industrial and commercial significance of this purchase of the Anderson Traction company's property can scarcely be overestimated.

Claims He Was Robbed.

Spartanburg, Nov. 15.—E. A. Edwards, a business man of Zirconia, N. C., claims he was robbed Sunday night of \$108 and a fine gold watch while he was in the room of John Davidson in the Walker building. He claims that he was invited and taken up in the room by one Karl B. Adams to "have a good time," as he understood. While in the room he claims to have been robbed of his purse and his watch. Tonight, in the presence of police officers, Edwards identified Adams, Davidson and "Daddy" Grant as three of the men who helped to rob him. Accordingly warrants were sworn out for their arrests. They were taken to the city jail, but gave bond and were freed.

E. A. Edwards is a business man of Zirconia, N. C., His family recently moved to Greenville, but he still does business in Zirconia. Sunday night he was in the city on his way to Greenville, and having some time between trains he came down in the city to take in the sights. He says he got with a young man who took him in an upstairs room to have a good time. While in the room he claims he was robbed.

Mysterious Man Kills Himself.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 15.—A special to the Star from Clinton, N. C., says that W. T. Hamilton, 36 years old, who mysteriously appeared at a lumber camp, near there, recently and took a position as night watchman, committed suicide to-day by blowing off his head with a shotgun. Hamilton was well bred, educated, but gave no account of himself further than to say that he came from South Dakota. It is believed that he had a past and brooding over some trouble led to his self-destruction.

Sentenced to Die.

Russellville, Ala., Nov. 15.—Tom Robertson, who two weeks ago killed his wife and his mother-in-law and dangerously wounded his wife's father, was to-day found guilty of murder in the circuit court here and sentenced to be hanged December 15. "That's too long for me to live," exclaimed Robertson when the date of his execution was announced.

Ralph Boylston Appeals.

An appeal has been filed at the Supreme Court in the case of the State against Ralph Boylston who was convicted along with Lloyd Boylston in Barnwell county of the killing of Cleveland Fanning on the 4th of June, 1909. Ralph Boylston's attorneys now make an appeal to the highest court of the State, the defendant having been in the penitentiary.

There are several grounds for appeal, one of the exceptions being that one of the defendant's attorneys was too unwell to conduct the trial. Other exceptions are technical in their nature, several having to do with testimony as to tracks found at the scene of the homicide. One exception is on the ground that his Honor erred in holding that the State had a right to sever the indictments, trying the two Boylstons separately.

WEDDING AT DENMARK.

M. Gedney M. Brown and Miss Rameille Rice Married.

Denmark, November 13.—A wedding of unusual beauty of detail and of exceptional originality in point of programme was solemnized at the Methodist Church, of this place last Wednesday at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large audience of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride, Miss Rameille Rice, the youngest daughter of Mr. H. C. Rice, is a young lady of many charming graces and natural gifts, all of which have won for her a host of admiring friends here and in other parts of the State. Miss Rice was very popular as a school girl, doubly so as a college student, and probably no other bride has ever gone away from this community to other parts carrying with her stronger proof of sincere good wishes from her large circle of numerous happy friends.

The groom, Mr. Gedney M. Brown, of Florence, South Carolina, is a rising young business man of this progressive little city, holding at present the position of assistant cashier of the Bank of Florence.

The decoration was simple, yet beautiful, consisting of artistically arranged pot plants and feathery ferns, presenting an ascending view of magnificent verdure with a right and a left irregular border of mammoth variegated chrysanthemums.

The music for the occasion was most skilfully rendered by Mrs. W. L. Riley, and consisted of three appropriate selections, during the progress of which the assembling, the entrance and the exit of the bridal party were executed in a most thoroughly proficient manner; the ushers, Mr. W. A. Cole, with Mr. W. A. Salter and Mr. H. B. Rice with Mr. W. E. Osteen, leading the way down the left and the right aisles respectively. These were followed by the two bridesmaids, Miss Lillian Goolsby and Miss Christine Riley, down either aisle and each carrying in her hand a bunch of large yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride-elect entered the left vestibule in company with her maid of honor, Miss Edith Rice, and simultaneously the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. Simmons Lucas, of Florence, entered through the rear vestibule, meeting the bride-elect at the centre of the altar and just in front of the bower of majestic green, before which the Rev. T. E. Morris stood and read the impressive marriage service. At the conclusion the bridal party and near relatives repaired to the Denmark Hotel where a delightful repast was served by the kind hostess, Mrs. J. R. Owens.

The bride wore a handsome costume of shaded wisteria with hat and gloves to match, all tastefully fashioned and much becoming to her beauty. The bridesmaids and the maid of honor wore stylish white coat suits and performed their parts with queenly precision. The presents were many and costly, but all useful.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown left on the afternoon train via the Atlantic Coast Line for their new home at Florence. The following were the out of town visitors: Miss Margaret Childs, Columbia; Mrs. T. I. Weston, Columbia; Miss Ethel McCorkle, Florence; Miss Lucile Folk, Bamberg; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cole, Florence; Mr. W. E. Osteen, Florence; Mr. W. J. Brown, Florence, and Dr. Simmons Lucas, Charleston.

Guard Shot Convict.

Gaffney, Nov. 15.—While Landrum Allison, superintendent of the county chain gang was absent last Wednesday, one of the guards who, it is alleged had been imbibing too freely of John Barleycorn shot one of the negro convicts through his clothing, scaring the negro nearly to death but otherwise not injuring him. As soon as Supervisor Lipscomb was apprised of the facts he repaired to the scene and dismissed the guard, who claimed that the explosion of the firearm was purely an accident, and that he had no intention of shooting the negro.

Hanged at Conway.

At noon on Friday at Conway, Melvin Watson was legally hanged, paying the penalty for the murder of John Watson, a white man at Green Sea on June 2. The trap was sprung at 12:27 and in 12 minutes he was pronounced dead by Dr. E. Norton. Seven minutes afterwards the body was cut down and prepared for burial.

There were in the large crowd of nearly 300 people, several Green Sea people present and from them it was rumored that there would be trouble if the relatives of the negro sought to carry him back to his home for burial; hence no one claimed the body and the county supervisor had it interred in the woods near the jail.

Contrary to expectations, Watson was as quiet as a lamb when the officers entered his cell to prepare him for the execution. The death warrant was read to him by Sheriff Sessions and he stated to Rev. Mr. Edward of the local Methodist church that he was ready to die and told the sheriff to let the hanging be as quick as possible.

As he was led from his cell, in a clear voice he cried out to Dick Small, his spiritual adviser, who is awaiting trial for wife-beating, "Goodbye, Uncle Dick, come on and hold the flag right on." He never discussed the crime.

Several of the late Mr. Watson's relatives were present, including his father and two brothers, who witnessed the execution, and after all was over they left with an appearance of satisfaction.